

high, Pocahontas County participates in the Soil Conservation Program, the farmer getting aid for performing certain good farming practices, namely the seeding of soil conserving crops, seeding legumes, applying lime and Superphosphate, this program came into existence about 1933 or 34 to help the farmers of the county state and nation to build up their farms to produce more on less farm acreage, this aid along with the tax limitation amendment has meant more to the farmers of W.Va. and Pocahontas County than any legislation passed in recent years by our law making bodies both state and national, as the farmer had been staggering under a tax burden for years so in 1932 Thomas C. Townsend had this amendment voted on and it carried by a large majority. The first County Agent of Pocahontas County was Bert Johnson who was hired about 1916 or 17 as a number of farmers had gotten up a petition which was put before the County Court asking that the court hire a County Agent, and after due consideration Johnson was hired to serve the farmers of Pocahontas County and we have continued this practice these many years with much progress and aid to the rural population of the county.

Information. County Court Records. Marlinton. W.Va.

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In 1897 each district appointed road surveyors for Greenbank District I. F. McLaughlin, James P. Wooddell, W. W. Arbogast, John W. Hollen, William Hill, William Gum, French C. Sutton, W. D. McL. Arbogast, Joseph McLaughlin, James McLaughlin, J. W. Oliver, William Collins, Leslie Beard, Marion Ray, C. A. Lightner, John Gragg, Zach Nottingham, Thos. H. McLaughlin, Henry Flenner, Samuel Moore, Sandy Patterson, D. L. Kerr, George S. Ray, Ananias Puffinbarger, George Houchin, Walter Vint, Isaac Arbogast. (Little Levels) David Gladwell, F. Lee Cackley, George Beard, Cameron L. Clark, Michall McClure, N. M. McCoy, J. B. Grimes, N. S. Rogers, J. M. McClure, W. B. Hill, John D. Payne, W. N. Clark, Matt Woods, Stark Morrison, Emmett Nottingham, F. A. Renick. (Huntersville District) Amos Fertig, William H. Dilley, Ellis Moore, C. D. Buzzard, Lloyd Reed, L. J. Piles, William H. Cleck, Thomas Malcomb, S. C. Kincaid, Sherman Curry, A. H. Sharp, J. H. Buzzard, J. H. Doyle, John R. Shrader, H. P. Patterson, Isaac P. Dean, Wilson W. Dilley, Amos P. McLaughlin, (Edray District) Page Gay, John E. Barlow, James E. Wilfong, George Baxter, D. W. Sharp, George Auldridge, W. G. Cochran, James B. White, Luther Kellison, Joseph Pennell, M. W. Gordon, H. S. Galford, J. F. Mccollam, J. Albert Sharp, Wm. Wooddell, Most of the road work at this time was done on the main Marlins Bottom-Lewisburg turnpike as all our goods had to be wagoned from Ronceverte and regardless of how much work that was done it was almost impassible about six months out of the year.

...the first licensed auctioneers of Pocahontas County were

O.B Swecker and D.A Fisher as they were licensed by the county court in 1898 and the doctors reporting births and deaths in 1897 were Drs. H.W Mc-neel, S.P Patterson, W.T Cameron, J.W Price, F.T McClintic, J.M Cunningham, J.P Moomau and Chas. Gwinn.

The levy up to and including this time 1898 averaged something like \$ 11,000.00 with the rate running from 40 to 50 cents but after 1900 when the railroad made its appearance up the Greenbrier the levy was higher but the rate was very low in fact in 1906 it was only 5 cts on the \$100.00 valuation this was due largely to the railroad and the wholesale manufacture of our main resource our timber.

Before the coming of the railroad the county ^{buildings} burned wood which was bought for \$ 1.55 a cord, this to be all hardwood and in 1899 the Laurel Creek Telephone Company was given authority by our county court which consisted of the following members Amos Barlow, M.J McNeel and John Warwick to place their poles along the highway leading to this particular section. The County Court of 1902 was the same as the above only Dr. John Ligon replaced Mr. Warwick, for 1904 the court consisted of the following W.A.G Sharp, Dr. Ligon and M.J McNeel. That of 1906 was William H. Hull, Dr. Ligon and Mr. Sharp, for 1908 they were Dr. Ligon, James F. Darnell and Mr. Sharp, and for 1909 the same as 1908 only R.S Hickman replaced Dr. Ligon on our county court.